Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

Audit Report

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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We affirr	n that:											
1. We h	nave comp	lied	with the B	Bulleti	in for the Au	idits of Loca	l Units of Go	vemment in N	fichigan as re	vised.	.•	
2. We a	are certifie	d pu	blic accou	ıntant	ls registered	d to practice	in Michigan.					
			llowing. "Y endations		esponses h	ave been di	sclosed in th	e financial sta	tements, inclu	uding the	e notes, or i	n the report of
You must	check the	app	olicable bo	x for	each item b	elow.						
Yes	⊠ No	1.	Certain c	comp	onent units/	funds/agend	cies of the lo	cal unit are ex	cluded from ti	ne financ	cial stateme	ents.
Yes	⊠ No	2.	There ar 275 of 19		cumulated o	deficits in or	ne or more	of this unit's u	nreserved fur	nd balan	œs/retaine	d earnings (P.A
Yes	⊠ No	3.	There ar	re ins d).	stances of r	non-complia	nce with the	e Uniform Acc	counting and	Budgeti	ng Act (P.A	A. 2 of 1968, as
Yes	⊠ио	4.						ither an order gency Municip		er the M	lunicipal Fi	nance Act or its
Yes	Yes No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).											
Yes	⊠ No	6.	The local	l unit	has been d	elinquent in	distributing t	ax revenues ti	hat were colle	cted for	another ta	xing unit.
Yes	⊠ No	7.	pension I	bene	fits (normal	costs) in th	e current ye	quirement (Ar ear. If the plan t, no contributi	is more than	100%	funded and	rent year earned the overfunding ir).
Yes	⊠ No	8.	The local			it cards and	d has not a	dopted an app	olicable policy	as req	uired by P	.A. 266 of 1995
Yes	N₀	9.	The local	unit	has not ado	pted an inve	estment polic	cy as required	by P.A. 196 c	of 1997 (MCL 129.9	5).
We have	enclosed	the	following	j:					Enclosed	Fo	To Be orwarded	Not Required
The letter	r of comme	ents	and recon	nmer	ndations.				\ \			
Reports o	n individu	al fe	deral finar	ncial	assistance p	programs (p	rogram audi	ts).				X
Single Au	ıdit Report	s (A	SLGU).									X
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Accountant	Signature)	1	16	7			Date	12.0.	01-

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Comments and Recommendations

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority, for the year ended September 30, 2005, we submit the following comments and recommendations. This section is intended to take the place of a separate management letter.

General

The records were maintained by the Training Center's contractual accountant. Bank accounts were reconciled monthly, journals and ledgers were properly posted, and supporting documents and follow-up procedures were good. Monthly financial and budget status reports were presented to the Board. Your accountant's efforts in this area are commendable.

Budgets and Procedures

The procedures utilized in budget preparation, adoption and management were good. Budgets were adopted for the General Fund and Grant Fund. Two cost centers of the General Fund exceeded their expenditure appropriations for the audit year. See Note 2.

Capital Assets

The Training Center owns buildings and furniture and equipment located on land leased from the Fair Association. The balances in the capital assets reflect September 30, 2005 balances. A statement of changes in capital assets is presented in Note 4.

Insurance and Bonds

The Training Center has insurance coverage for fire, liability, automobile, equipment and crime. Coverage was reviewed during the audit year. It is our understanding that there is surety bond coverage for the Training Center coordinator, treasurer and secretary.

Board Minutes

In general, Board minutes were maintained in good order.

General Fund

For the audit year, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$13,620, and the fund balance was \$12,263 at September 30, 2005.

Comments and Recommendations

Grant Fund

This fund was established to account for grants and donations for construction and equipping of Training Center facilities. For the audit year, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$370, and the fund balance was \$3,001 at September 30, 2005.

Other Data

After the completion of our audit, we will mail two (2) copies of this report to the State Department of Treasury.

We appreciate the courtesy extended our field auditor in the course of this examination. Your confidence is respected, and please contact us if any questions arise.

FINANCIAL SECTION

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority Traverse City, MI 49686

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each fund of Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority as of and for the year ended September 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Training Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority at September 30, 2005, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison schedules, as identified in the Table of Contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying financial statements do not present a Management's Discussion and Analysis, which would be an analysis of the financial performance for the year. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined that this analysis is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Tobin & Co., P.C.

Jobin & Co, C. C.

December 5, 2005

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Certified Public Accountants

Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

Statement of Net Assets

September 30, 2005

	Primary Government Governmental Activities and Total
Assets	
Cash Accounts Receivable Capital Assets	\$ 14,747 517
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	596,739
Total Assets	612,003
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Long-term Liabilities: Due within one year Due in more than one year	1,500 3,843
Total Liabilities	5,343
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets Restricted For:	596,739
Grant Purposes Unrestricted	3,001 6,920
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 606,660</u>

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

		Program			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Total	
Governmental Activities:		•	•		
Personnel	\$ 11,012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,012)	
Commodities	12,588	-	-	(12,588)	
Contractual Services	28,736		-	(28,736)	
Other Charges	41,463	2,950		(38,513)	
Total Governmental					
Activities	<u>\$ 93,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,950</u>	<u> </u>	(90,849)	
	General Reven				
	Charges for			41,993	
	Operating G			5,675	
		Investment Earn	nings	89	
	Miscellaneo	us		28,880	
	Total General	Revenues		76,637	
	Change in Net	Assets		(14,212)	
	Net Assets – B			620,872	
	Net Assets – E	nding		\$ 606,660	

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

September 30, 2005

Accets	General	Grant Fund	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Cash in Bank Accounts Receivable	\$ 11,746 517	\$ 3,001	\$ 14,747 517
Total Assets	12,263	3,001	15,264
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Total Liabilities	-		
Fund Balances: Restricted Unrestricted	12,263	3,001	3,001 12,263
Total Fund Balances	12,263	3.001	15,264
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 12,263	\$ 3,001	
Amounts reported for governmental activities o are different because:	n the statement	of net assets	
Capital assets used in governmental activities therefore are not reported in the funds.	596,739		
Long-term liabilities do not use current finance not reported in the funds.	cial resources an	d therefore are	(5,343)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities			\$ 606,660

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

<u>Revenues</u>	Gene	eral	Gran	nt Fund		Total
Training Class Fees	\$ 4	1,993	\$		æ	41.000
State Reimbursements		5,675	Ф	-	\$	41,993
Membership Fees		6,500		-		5,675
Interest		89		<u>-</u>		6,500
Rents	•	2,950		_		89 2,950
Other		1,800		<u> 580</u>	 _	2,930
Total	79	9 <u>,007</u>		<u>580</u>		79,587
Expenditures						
Personnel	1 1	1,012				11.010
Commodities		1,638		950		11,012
Contractual Services		3,736		930		12,588
Other Charges		3,641		-		28,736
Capital Outlay		,100		_		18,641 21,100
Debt Service		,500		_ -		1,500
Total	92	,627		950		93,577
Excess (Expenditures) and						
net Change in Fund Balances	(13,	,620)		(370)	,	(13,990)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	25.	<u>,883</u>		3,371		
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 12,</u>	<u>.263</u>	\$	3,001		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as e statement of activities the cost of those assets are reported as depreciation expense. This is exceeded capital outlays in the current year.	s over their	ectimo	stad usa	fort tirrer	ı	(1,722)
Renayment of note principal is an augustic						(1,722)
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in is the amount of recovery to be a property of the control of th	the statem	rnment nent of	tal fund net asse	s, but ets. This		
is the amount of repayment during the period						1,500
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activiti	es				<u>\$(</u>	14,212)

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Notes to Financial Statements

<u>September 30, 2005</u>

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Training Center's basic financial statements include the accounts of all Training Center operations. The criteria for including organizations within the Training Center's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included.

Based on the above criteria, there are no other organizations included in these financial statements.

B. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the activities of the Training Center. Governmental activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The financial activities of the Training Center are also reported in separate self-balancing funds described as follows:

General Fund – This Fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the Training Center. Revenues are derived primarily from intergovernmental revenues from the other entities served by the Training Center.

Special Revenue Grant Fund

This Fund is used to account for donations and grants from various entities to build and equip new facilities.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net assets and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e. when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all Training Center Governmental Fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

D. Budgets

The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund are under formal budgetary control. Budgets shown in the required supplementary schedules for these funds were prepared on a basis not significantly different from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budget approved and amended by the Training Center.

For budgetary purposes appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital assets, which includes property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest is capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of each asset are determined by management.

F. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. We noted no violations of legal provisions and/or contractual provisions of various agreements related to financial matters.
- B. All funds had positive fund balances at September 30, 2005.
- C. Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 18, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. During the year ended September 30, 2005, the following cost centers of the General Fund exceeded their budgets without formal amendment by the Board:

Commodities \$ 618 Contractual Services \$ 2,036

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Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

A. <u>Legal Provisions for Deposits and Investments</u>

Act 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended by Act 217, Public Acts of 1982, and Act 196, Public Acts of 1998, states that the Board, by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds as follows:

- 1. In bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- 2. In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution but only if the financial institution complies with subsection (2).
- 3. In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after date of purchase.
- 4. In repurchase agreements consisting of instruments defined in (1) above.
- 5. In bankers' acceptances of United States Banks.
- 6. In obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than 1 standard rating service.
- 7. In mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

B. Types of Deposits and Investments

The Training Center had \$16,521 deposited with local banks at September 30, 2005 with a carrying value of \$14,747. Interpreting the FDIC insurance coverage, \$100,000 per demand deposit account and \$100,000 per time deposit account in each depository, the Training Center had no uninsured deposits at September 30, 2005.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2005

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets of governmental activities consisted of the following:

	09/30/04	Additions	Deletions	_09/30/05
Buildings & Improvements Equipment Total	\$ 845,100 <u>5,943</u> 851,043	\$ 20,000 - 20,000	\$ - 	\$ 865,100 5,943 871,043
Accumulated Depreciation	_(252,582)	(21,722)	<u>-</u>	(274,304)
Total	\$ 598,461	<u>\$ (1,722)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 596,739</u>

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at September 30, 2005 consisted of a non-interest bearing installment note payable to another local unit of government.

Maturities of long-term debt to completion are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	
2006	A
2007	\$ 1,500
2008	1,500
2009	1,500
	843
	\$_5,343

NOTE 6 - INVENTORIES

The Training Center does not maintain a substantial inventory of supplies or materials. Purchases are normally made as needed, and the items are recorded as expenses at time of purchase.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2005

NOTE 7 - LEASED EMPLOYEE

The Training Center's Coordinator is currently leased from the Grand Traverse Fire Department – Metro Division, reimbursing that Division on a monthly basis for salary and all related employment taxes and benefits.

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Training Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and firefighters; and natural disasters. During the audit year the Department addressed these risks through the purchase of commercial insurance. There was no significant reduction of insurance coverage from prior years nor have the amounts of any settlements exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full-time Training Center leased employees earn vacation leave, which may either be taken or accumulated, with a maximum carryover to a succeeding year of 5 days until paid upon termination or retirement. Training Center employees earn personal leave which may either be taken or accumulated and carried over to a maximum of 24 days. Unused accumulated sick leave shall be paid to the employee upon termination or retirement.

NOTE 10-CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Training Center officials are not aware of any contingent liabilities.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SECTION

Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

General Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

<u>Revenues</u>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable)</u>
Training Class Fees State Reimbursements Membership Fees Interest Rents Other	\$ 30,000 6,000 7,500 50 5,000 10,000	\$ 30,000 6,000 7,500 50 5,000 31,100	\$ 41,993 5,675 6,500 89 2,950 21,800	\$ 11,993 (325) (1,000) 39 (2,050) (9,300)
Total Revenues	58,550	<u>79,650</u>	79,007	(643)
Expenditures				
Personnel: Leased Employees Total	12,041	12.041	11.012 11.012	
Commodities: Office Supplies Training Materials Postage Other Supplies Computer Support		-	295 8,122 359 1,861 1,001	- - - -
	9,520	11,020	11,638	(618)
Contractual Services: Instructors Legal Accounting and Audit Class Help Telephone	- - - -	- - - -	19,809 115 4,270 4,177 365	- - - - -
Total	<u>19,700</u>	26,700	28,736	(2,036)

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

General Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures (Continued)				\
Other Charges: Insurance Public Utilities Building Repair & Maint. Equipment Repair & Maint. Vehicle Repair & Maint. Grounds Repair & Maint.	- - - - -	- - - -	6,729 4,956 3,852 1,129 726 1,249	- - - -
Total	19,150	19,150	18,641	509
Capital Outlay	<u>8,100</u>	21,200	21,100	100
Debt Service:				
Loan Repayment	1,500	1,500	1,500	_
Total	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Contingency	500			-
Total	500			_
Total Expenditures	70,511	91,611	92,627	(1,016)
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>\$ (11,961</u>)	<u>\$ (11,961</u>)	(13,620)	<u>\$ (1,659)</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u> – Beginning of Y	ear		25,883	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 12,263	

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Schedule 2

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Grant Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

	Original and Final		Variance Favorable	
Revenues	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	(<u>Unfavorable</u>)	
Total Revenues	\$	\$ 580	\$ 580	
Expenditures				
Commodities - Other Supplies		950	-	
Total Expenditures	2,000	950	1,050	
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ (2,000)	(370)	<u>\$1,630</u>	
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		3,371		
Fund Balance – End of Year		\$ 3,001		